What's a Historical Resource?

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Historical Resource Categories:

- Building
- Structure
- Object
- Site
- District

Things to Think About

- Is the property historically significant?
- If it is, what are the characteristics that make it significant?
- Avoid being arbitrary and capricious
- Apply established criteria, standards and methodology in a professional manner

Register Programs

- National Register of Historic Places
- California Register of Historical Resources
- Locally designated properties

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

- **CEQA**
- **SECTION 106**

  – Sometimes you need to evaluate a resource to assess impacts to the environment

  – Sometimes these resources are not on any register or survey, and you have to make a defensible argument

Evaluating Significance
Step 2: Context

- **Theme**
- **Geographical Area**
- **Period of Time**

- Public education in Sacramento from 1850-1950

- Period revival residences in Woodland from 1920-1940

Evaluating Significance
Step 1: Context

- Determine what context the resource represents

- Determine whether that context is significant in history

- Determine if the resource type has relevance in illustrating the context

- Determine how the resource illustrates that context

Evaluating Significance
Step 2: Criteria

- Associated with events
- Associated with persons
- Architecture/Design/Engineering
- Information potential

Evaluating Significance
Step 2: Criteria

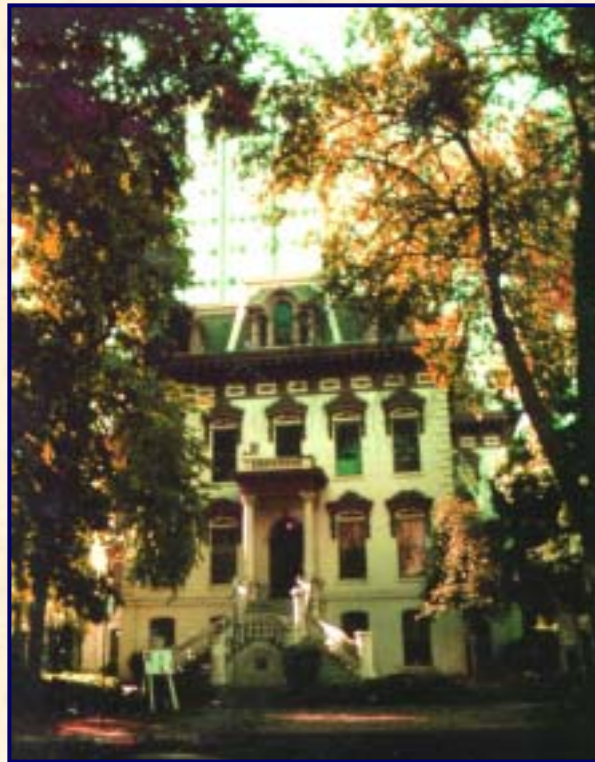Association with events, pattern of events, repeated activities, historic trends

Evaluating Significance
Step 2: Criteria

Association with significant persons

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Evaluating Significance
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Has yielded or has the potential to yield important information

Evaluating Significance
Step 3: Special Considerations

- Moved buildings, structures or objects
- Achieved significance within past fifty years
- Reconstructed buildings and structures

Evaluating Significance
Step 3: Special Considerations

- Moved buildings, structures or objects:
  - Moved to prevent demolition
  - Compatible new location
    - Orientation, setting, general environment

Evaluating Significance
Step 3: Special Considerations

- Achieved significance within past fifty years:
  - Sufficient time has passed to understand importance within its context

Evaluating Significance
Step 3: Special Considerations

- Reconstructed buildings and structures:
  - Embody traditional building methods and techniques

Evaluating Significance
Step 4: Integrity

Authenticity of a historical resource's physical identity evidenced by survival of characteristics that existed during the resource's period of significance

Evaluating Significance
Step 4: Integrity

- Location
- Design
- Setting
- Materials
- Workmanship
- Feeling
- Association

Evaluating Significance
Step 4: Integrity

Location: Place where resource
was constructed or event occurred

Evaluating Significance
Step 4: Integrity

Design: Combination of elements that create form, plan, space, structure and style

Evaluating Significance
Step 4: Integrity - Design

Evaluating Significance
Step 4: Integrity

Setting: Physical environment of a resource

Evaluating Significance
Step 4: Integrity

Materials:
Physical
elements that
form a resource

Evaluating Significance
Step 4: Integrity - Materials

Evaluating Significance
Step 4: Integrity

Workmanship: Physical evidence of the crafts or culture of a people

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Step 4: Integrity - Workmanship

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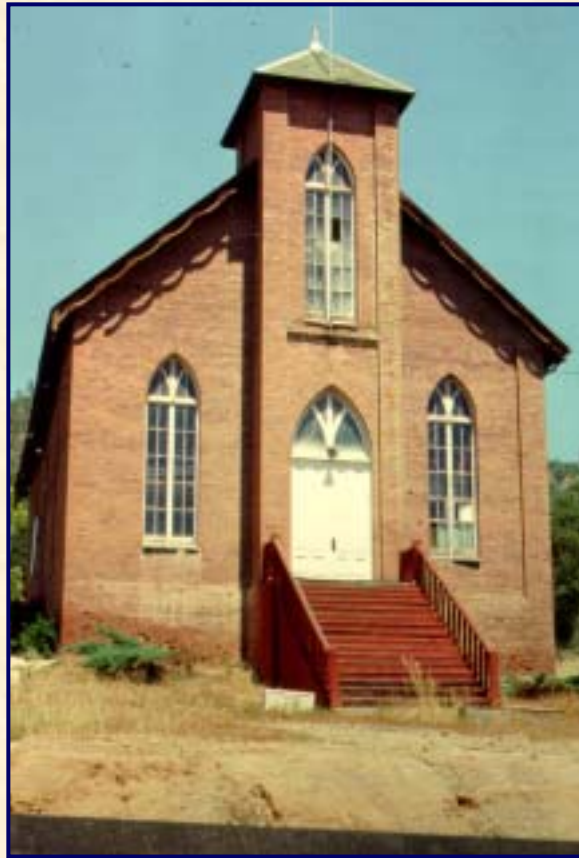
Feeling: Expression of the aesthetic or historic sense of a particular period of time

Evaluating Significance
Step 4: Integrity - Feeling

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Association: Direct link between event or person and resource

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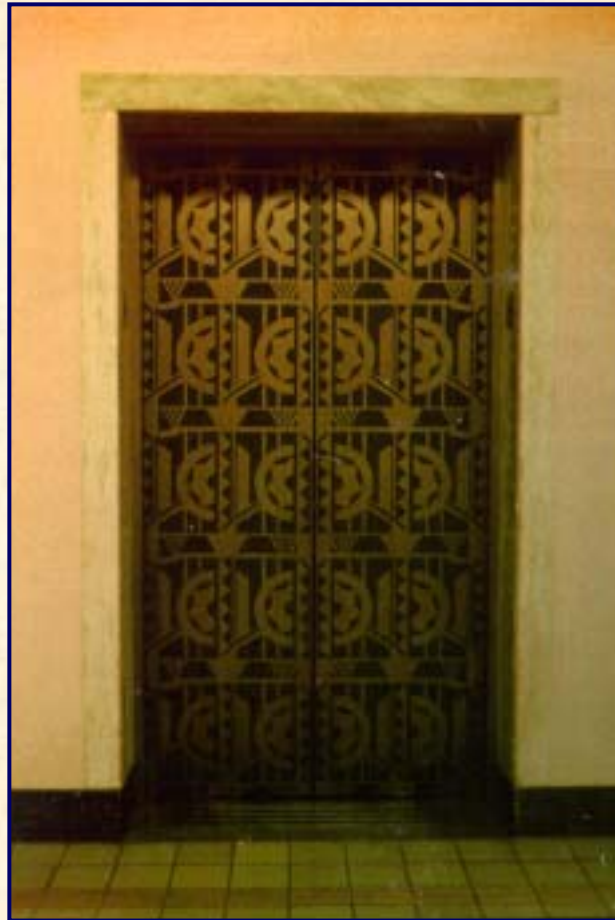
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